

March 9, 2021

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection* (WC Docket No. 19-195)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 5, the undersigned and Patrick Halley representing USTelecom and Mary Henze and Ola Oyefusi representing AT&T, met with Jean Kiddoo, Chelsea Fallon, and Sean Spivey of the Broadband Data Task Force (Task Force), Kirk Burgee of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Steve Rosenberg of the Office of Economic Analysis to discuss the Digital Opportunity Data Collection (DODC) implementation process.

USTelecom acknowledged that implementation of the Broadband DATA Act and the associated DODC rules is a massive project and suggested that the Commission seek to make iterative progress wherever possible while continuing to implement all phases as required by the Broadband DATA Act. USTelecom encouraged the Task Force to explore ways in which it can incrementally develop and make public individual elements of the many components required by the Broadband DATA Act, noting that the law does not specify that all elements of the legislation must be complete and released at the same time. In that vein, USTelecom suggested that the Commission BETA test initial versions of the components it develops through the DODC implementation. USTelecom offered that its members would likely be willing to participate in such BETA tests.

We commend Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel for creating the Broadband Data Task Force. Having a leadership team focused on implementing the DODC in conjunction with the experts in OEA and the Bureaus will ensure the process is implemented as quickly and efficiently as possible. USTelecom and our members are ready and willing to provide any assistance we can.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



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